

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-48 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please add new claims 49-57 as follows.

1-48. (Cancelled)

49. (New) A method, comprising:

receiving, in a subscriber terminal, access point status information determined in a plurality of access points;

determining, in the subscriber terminal, communication status information related to said plurality of access points;

processing, in the subscriber terminal, said received access point status information and said communication status information in order to obtain roaming support information; and

sending, from the subscriber terminal, said obtained roaming support information to a load control device, the load control device being located externally to the subscriber terminal.

50 (New) The method according to claim 49, wherein the access point status information comprises an access point identification element and an access point load status indicator determined in a respective access point.

51. (New) The method according to claim 49, further comprising determining the communication status information on the basis of at least one of a received signal strength indicator indicating the received signal strength of said plurality of access points, a carrier to interference ratio per each access point, and a terminal transmit power status.

52. (New) The method according to claim 49, wherein said roaming support information, obtained in the processing of the received access point status information and the communication status information comprises statistics of access point related communication status and load information derived from said received access point status information.

53. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

- a subscriber terminal portion;
- a receiver configured to receive access point status information determined in a plurality of access points;
- a determiner configured to determine communication status information related to the plurality of access points;
- a processor configured to process the received access point status information and the communication status information in order to obtain roaming support information;
- and

a transmitter configured to send the obtained roaming support information to a load control device, the load control device being located externally to the subscriber terminal.

54. (New) The apparatus according to claim 53, wherein the access point status information comprises an access point identification element and an access point load status indicator determined in a respective access point.

55. (New) The apparatus according to claim 53, wherein said determiner is configured to determine at least one of a received signal strength indicator indicating the received signal strength of said plurality of access points, a carrier to interference ratio per each access point, and a terminal transmit power status, as said communication status information.

56. (New) The apparatus according to claim 53, wherein said roaming support information obtained by said processor from said received access point status information and said communication status information comprises statistics of access point related communication status and load information derived from said received access point status information.

57. (New) A computer program product embodied on a computer readable medium, the computer program product being configured to execute a method in a subscriber terminal, the method comprising:

receiving access point status information determined in a plurality of access points;

determining communication status information related to said plurality of access points;

processing said received access point status information and said communication status information in order to obtain roaming support information; and

sending, from the subscriber terminal, said obtained roaming support information to a load control device, the load control device being located externally to the subscriber terminal.